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SUBJ: REPERCUSSIONS OF AGEE BOOK IN CUENCA

1. CONGEN OFFICERS ON ROUTINE VISIT TO CUENCA APRIL 3-4 NOTED MULTITUDE OF FRESH ANTI-CIA SLOGANS PAINTED ON WALLS IN BOTH BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS. (NO SUCH PAINTED SLOGANS HAVE YET APPEARED IN GUAYAQUIL.) MOST WERE SIGNED BY MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY OF ECUADOR, WITH A FEW ATTRIBUTED TO FEUE.

2. DIRECTOR OF CUENCA BINATIONAL CENTER INFORMED OFFICERS THAT LEFTIST POLITICIAN JAIME GALAZRZ MADE SPEECHES IN CUENCA SHORTLY AFTER BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON A FEW MONTHS AGO, IN WHICH HE PUBLICIZED ALL ECUADOREAN NAMES GIVEN IN AGEE BOOK AS CIA CONTACTS. VARIOUS RADICAL GROUPS TOOK UP THE THEME IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS ATTACKING ALL US ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PEACE CORPS AND BNC. LATTER WAS ACCUSED OF INDOCTRINATING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE STUDENTS WITH US VICES SUCH AS DRUG ABUSE AND INDIVIDUALISTIC PHILOSOPHY.

3. A CONFIDENCE ARTIST TRIED TO EXPLOIT SITUATION TO BLACKMAIL "CONTRIBUTION" FROM BNC TO HELP NON-EXISTENT STUDENT SUPPORTERS OF GALARZA. APPARENTLY SAME PERSON TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO OBTAIN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PC VOULUNTEERS IN CUENCA. HE WAS ARRESTED AS RESULT OF SIMILAR APPROACHES TO OTHER LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AND BNC DIRECTOR IDENTIFIED HIM AS PERSON WHO HAD TRIED TO EXTRACT FINANCIAL AID FROM BNC SEVERAL YEARS EARLIER ALLEGING

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THAT HE WAS INFORMANT OF CIA GUAYAQUIL OFFICE.

4. MATTER SEEMS TO HAVE BLOWN OVER NOW WITH NO PUBLICITY TO
GALARZA OR AGEЕ ALLEGATIONS DURING LAST WEEK OR SO.
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